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1. JORDAIAN DAILIES AD DUSTOUR AND AR RAY PRESENT OPERATION AT QIRYAT SHEMONA IN LIGHT FAVORABLE TO FEDAYEEN. IN APRIL 12 EDITIONS BOTH PAPERS EDIT REUTERS ACCOUNTS TO ELIMINATE MENTION OF WOMEN AND CHILDRED BEING KILLED, CONCENTRATING INSTEAD ON SUICIDE OF THREE FEDAYEEN AND AN PFLPGC STATEMENTS.

2. APRIL 12 AR RAY RUNS TWO EDITORIALS. RADAAN MAJALLI (UNDER TITLE "THE NEWS AGENCIES AND QIRYAT SHEMONA"): "IT IS TRUE THAT A CRIME DOES NOT JUSTIFY A CRIME, BUT THE EXAGGERATION OF AN OPERATION LIKE THAT OF YESTERDAY IS UNACCEPTABLE, PARTICULARLY AS REPORTED THROUGH ZIONIST NEWS AGENCIES WHICH NEGLECT TO REMIND
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THE WORLD OF THE MASS SLAYING WHICH OCCURRED IN DEIR YASIIN,

QILYA, AND NAHALIIN, AND WHICH IGNORE THE MURDERS IN BEIRUT AND THE ASSASSINATION OF CHILDREN AT BAHR AL-BAQAR. THE NEWS AGENCIES CRY FOR HUMANITY AND WHILE FORGETTING THE MOVIES OF PAIN BEHIND YESTERDAY'S OPERATION. WHEN A DAILY WAR OF (ISRAELI) TERROR CONTINUES AGAINST THE UNARMED, AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN, WHERE CAN WE FIND NEWS AGENCIES WITH SUCH HUMANITARIAN INCLINATIONS?" SULAIMAN 'ARAR (PRESIDENT OF GOVERNMENT CORP WHICH PUBLISHES AR RAY): "YESTERDAY'S OPERATION HAD TWO PRINCIPAL EFFECTS. THE FIRST IS ON THE ARAB MASSES, WHO ARE NOT CONVINCED THAT ANY ACTION TAKES PLACE UNLESS IT OCCURS INSIDE THE OCCUPIED LANDS. THE SECOND FACT IS TO REMIND THE OCCUPATION ARMY THAT ARRIVAL AT THEIR HOMES AND THE KILLING OF FATHERS AND MOTHERS BEFORE THE VERY SIGHT OF THEIR CHILDREN IS AN ACTION THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE WARPLANES, HELICOPTERS, SUBMARINES, AND SPIES. ANY GROUP OF DETERMINED MEN CAN DO THAT. IN ADDITION, IF WE RECALL THE CONFUSION FROM WHICH ZIONIST POLICY IS CURRENTLY SUFFERING, THE QIRYAT SHEMONA OPERATION CAN SHED LIGHT ON THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM TO THE WHOLE WORLD."

3. APRIL 13 AD DUSTROUR GIVES BANNER HEADLINES TO REUTERS REPORT QUOTING ISRAELI ARMY SPOKESMAN AS STATING THAT ISRAELI INVESTIGATION INTO KILLINGS SHOWS THAT WOMEN AND CHILDREN THREW THEMSELVES FROM WINDOWS RATHER THAN BEING THROWN BY FEDAYEEN.
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